

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

WQ ORDER NO. 2007-0005-EXEC

ASSESSING ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY
FOR VIOLATIONS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
TO
MR. LOUIS ZAMORA

The State of California, Water Resources Control Board ("State Water Board") finds:

1. On or about March 22, 2007, the Executive Director of the State Water Board issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. SB-2007-0002-OE ("Complaint"), which proposed to assess an administrative civil liability of \$8,000 against Mr. Louis ("Louie") Zamora for certain, alleged violations of California Water Code section 13627.1, subdivision (a), for operating a wastewater treatment facility without the appropriate, unexpired operator certification since June 1, 1997.
2. The Complaint alleged that Mr. Zamora operated Stratford Public Utility District's Class I wastewater treatment plant since June 1, 1997. The liability assessed in the Complaint, however, only addresses the past three years of alleged violations from January 16, 2004 through January 16, 2007.
3. Mr. Zamora has expressed his intent to settle the Complaint by signing the attached waiver form, waiving his right to a hearing and agreeing to pay the proposed liability.
4. State Water Board Resolution 2002-0104 delegated authority to the Executive Director to issue a decision or order by settlement of the Complaint under Government Code section 11415.60. Accordingly, the Executive Director adopts this Order to facilitate the conversion of the Parties' settlement into a judgment pursuant to California Water Code section 13328.
5. In adopting this Stipulated Order, the State Water Board has considered each of the factors prescribed in California Water Code section 13327. The State Water Board's consideration of these factors is based upon information and comments provided by the Parties and members of the public. In addition to these factors, the administrative civil liability recovers the costs incurred by the staff of the State Water Board in evaluating the violations and preparing the Complaint and related documents.
6. The proposed settlement of the Complaint by assessment of administrative civil liability in the amount of \$8,000 is in the public interest. This Order and assessment of administrative civil liability provides for the full and final resolution of each of the alleged violations addressed by this Order.

7. Issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) in accordance with section 15321, Chapter 3, Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Administrative civil liability under California Water Code section 13627.1, subdivision (a) is imposed upon Mr. Louis Zamora in the amount of \$8,000.
2. Mr. Zamora shall pay \$8,000 to the State Water Resources Control Board for deposit in the Cleanup and Abatement Account, within 30 days of receiving notice that the Executive Director has issued this Order. If Mr. Zamora fails to pay the liability, the State Water Board will apply to the clerk of the appropriate court in the county in which the civil liability was imposed, for a judgment to collect the civil liability.
3. Fulfillment of Mr. Zamora's obligations under this Order constitutes full and final satisfaction of any and all liability for each of the alleged violations specifically identified in this Order.

Dated: JUL - 2 2007



Dorothy Rice
Executive Director

WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO A HEARING

By signing below, I hereby affirm and acknowledge the following:

1. I, Mr. Louis Zamora, am informed of the right provided by Water Code section 13323, subdivision (b), to a hearing within ninety (90) days of receiving service of an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint in connection with Complaint No. SB1-2007-002-OE (Complaint).
2. I hereby waive my right to a hearing on the Complaint before the California State Water Resources Control Board.
3. I agree to the terms of the Complaint including, but not limited to, the requirement to remit payment for the civil liability imposed.
4. I understand that this settlement will not become effective until after a public comment period.
5. I understand that until it is final, the Executive Director has complete discretion to terminate this settlement.
6. I understand that this waiver is effective immediately, but is void if the Executive Director withdraws the Complaint.
7. I understand that this settlement becomes effective when the Executive Director issues a Stipulated Administrative Civil Liability Order of the California State Water Resources Control Board requiring payment of the civil liability imposed.

Date: 6-26-07

Louis Zamora

Name (Print)

MANAGER

Title (Print)

[Signature]

Signature